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SENATOR F. LEWIS: I said that.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: You also.... Are you pretty close in your projections? Would you answer this please yes or no.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: To what?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: In your projections in spending.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: On what? You have to give me an issue. You mean what I say about budgets, or....

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Skip this question then.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Alright.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: I would advise this body, it seems like today everything is supposed to go on the record. In 1973, as Senator Burbach said, Frank Lewis stood on this floor on LB 445 and said "It's going to cost \$1½ million". So I think that the people ought to know this, that in one year his projections were so wrong that the bill cost double in the very first year.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, I'm a man that realizes when you don't have the horses it's not much use trying to talk. The Nebraska Tax Research Council has done a very good job on this. They have sold it to probably 38 to 42 Senators on the floor of this Legislature, that we should take special interest taxes off. There hasn't been a bill come across the floor of this Legislature, that was going to replace property on the whole with sales and income tax, that I haven't supported. This one bill.... I was one that lead the opposition on it here several years ago when it came. I was the one that said this is special interest, this is just for a very select few that you are taking the property tax off; not off of everybody, but just off of a very select few. I was beat and I realized it. I realize today that we're beat on this issue.

I want to tell you one thing and I hope everybody listens that's here today, there never has been a time that anybody brought a bill on the floor of the Legislature that has taken so much from one Senators district and given such a little in return. The people in Sarpe County are going to contribute \$800,000 more money then they get back. Eight hundred thousand dollars more money then they get back.

Senator Burbach, I'd like to ask you a question because this is the last time. I understand you're not running again and I may not be back here because my opposition comes from a certain group of people.

Senator Burbach, will you answer a question?